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Title: EXCHANGE DECOUPLED COBALT/NOBLE METAL PERPENDICULAR
RECORDING MEDIA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Background of the Invention:

On page 1, please delete paragraph 0001 and replace it with the following:

A' [0001] This application is based on provisional patent application Serial No. 60/258,790,
filed December 29, 2000.

We would also like to bring to your attention that the title on the Declaration on Form

OK PTO/SB/01 (03-10) (DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION)

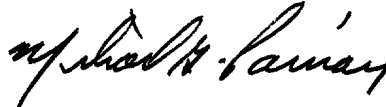
is incorrect and should read -- EXCHANGE DECOUPLED COBALT/NOBLE METAL
PERPENDICULAR RECORDING MEDIA -- .

REMARKS

The above amendments are made to correct informalities and typographical errors noted in the Background of the Invention. No new matter has been added. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number below if it is believed that a telephone conference would be of value in expediting prosecution and allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW THE CHANGES

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